

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing
Concerning the Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit
to The Andersons Marathon Ethanol LLC in Champaign

The Andersons Marathon Ethanol LLC has submitted an application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Division of Air Pollution Control for a permit to construct an ethanol plant to be located at 3515 North Staley Road in Champaign. The plant would be designed to have a nominal capacity of 118 million gallons per year, with the ability to actually produce up to 125 million gallons of ethanol per year. The Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination to issue a permit for the project and has prepared a draft permit for review. The Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period and a hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed issuance of a permit for this project, prior to making a final decision on the application. The project would not be considered a major new source under the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on February 27, 2007 at 6:00 pm at Parkland College, Room D244, 2400 West Bradley Avenue in Champaign. The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the application. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by February 12, 2007. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Annet Godiksen - Hearing Officer, Re: The Andersons, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/782-5544.

Written comments must sent to the Hearing Officer and be postmarked by midnight, March 29, 2007, unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer. Written comments need not be notarized.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permit, New). These documents and the application can also be viewed at the Champaign Public Library, 505 S. Randolph St. in Champaign or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street, Champaign, 217/278-5800 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).

For information or requests about the application or draft permit, please contact:
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